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Type of Activity	Annual		1986											1987	
	1985	1986	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
Energy															
Bituminous coal production[1] (1,000 net tons)	23,421	23,895	1,888	2,188	2,220	2,335	2,328	1,911	2,309	2,251	1,524	1,342	1,526	2,077	.....
Natural gas production (1,000,000 cu. ft.)	142,268	146,936	11,916	13,164	11,816	11,641	11,542	12,534	12,864	12,104	11,490	11,992	13,096	13,776	.....
Cotton consumption (1,000 lbs.)	341,066	419,377	31,360	41,574	33,528	35,926	32,592	27,600	36,496	37,642	38,686	34,120	37,743	42,579	35,820
Crude oil and condensate production[2] (1,000 barrels)	21,470	21,399	1,768	1,953	1,812	1,833	1,717	1,780	1,786	1,651	1,564	1,631	1,988	1,734	.....
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes (1,000,000 kwh)	23,537	23,314	1,905	1,813	1,919	1,906	2,019	2,036	2,057	2,003	2,006	1,934	1,857	1,865	1,845
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production (1,000 net tons)	6,292	6,485	509	558	556	548	541	523	526	496	576	543	560	590	531
Construction															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] ($1,000)	2,885,600	3,017,500	191,400	313,000	274,100	252,200	265,600	258,900	246,000	315,300	266,400	221,300	201,900	253,700	173,100
Residential	1,240,900	1,461,300	79,800	124,600	134,400	130,200	118,800	113,400	153,300	183,100	152,500	109,000	68,500	116,700	80,600
Nonresidential	1,062,900	1,016,300	47,400	105,200	111,800	80,900	97,800	79,800	79,400	97,200	78,600	78,000	80,500	80,400	67,800
Public works and utilities	581,800	539,800	64,300	83,100	27,900	41,000	49,100	65,600	13,300	35,000	57,300	34,300	52,900	56,600	24,700
Cement consumption (1,000 net tons)	1,306	1,334	93	123	131	117	124	121	119	117	126	85	75	85	86
Finance															
Savings in savings and loan associations[4] ($1,000,000)	6,287	6,707	6,603	6,659	6,675	6,710	6,746	6,752	6,737	6,751	6,768	6,735	6,787	6,804	6,879
Tax collections ($1,000)															
Total	2,772,554	2,846,837	209,254	267,352	270,377	267,639	219,772	216,052	235,312	243,326	222,747	235,033	223,165	265,163	224,952
Franchise	69,838	75,086	1,437	43,281	1,905	1,897	8,254	1,148	6,214	3,991	4,243	1,098	1,000	965	2,214
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	202,540	207,667	16,481	15,086	17,075	18,417	18,026	17,557	18,853	18,045	16,901	17,984	15,767	19,169	16,310
Income	1,084,829	1,099,406	84,567	105,706	103,081	138,293	88,800	62,009	100,506	97,971	54,502	102,972	89,540	97,096	111,484
Motor fuels	51,921	53,604	4,658	3,869	3,648	5,529	3,670	3,735	5,252	3,531	5,150	5,661	5,233	4,054	4,570
Oil/gas privilege	64,950	42,775	4,970	6,183	3,309	3,225	2,722	2,527	2,626	2,996	2,300	2,102	2,404	1,953	2,136
Oil/gas production	17,600	11,859	1,341	2,236	911	882	774	717	737	827	664	597	696	556	577
Sales	730,389	775,708	53,661	56,925	66,147	64,563	65,575	63,568	65,048	63,358	67,637	64,387	68,222	74,589	56,264
2.2% gross receipts	54,972	56,147	1	1	13,363	600	0	13,951	43	0	14,231	0	0	14,212	0
TVA electric	42,844	45,346	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	7,438	4,191	0	3,842	3,842	3,842	3,842
Tobacco	72,774	73,282	5,451	5,799	5,432	6,528	6,336	6,504	6,280	6,082	6,368	6,031	6,214	5,907	5,083
Use	79,253	84,390	1,269	795	18,735	1,675	816	17,872	1,161	727	19,179	880	665	19,291	795
Utility	156,209	160,232	17,182	11,549	12,229	12,200	12,453	12,963	13,354	15,656	12,611	12,072	14,823	15,086	13,966
Prices															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[5] (1967 = 100)															
All items	322.2	328.4	327.5	326.0	325.3	326.3	327.9	328.0	328.6	330.2	330.5	330.8	331.1	333.1	334.4
Percent change	3.6	1.9	-0.3	-0.5	-0.2	.3	.5	0	.2	.5	.1	.1	.1	.6	.4
Food	309.8	319.7	315.3	315.4	316.1	317.0	317.1	320.1	322.7	323.2	323.7	324.6	325.2	328.9	330.1
Housing	349.9	360.2	356.5	357.0	358.0	358.5	361.2	361.5	362.4	363.7	363.0	361.7	362.1	363.9	365.1
Fuel and utilities	393.6	384.7	390.0	385.5	381.8	382.5	393.8	389.4	389.5	386.3	379.1	371.1	371.0	373.7	374.8
Apparel and upkeep	206.0	207.8	204.1	206.3	207.3	206.4	204.5	203.2	207.0	212.1	213.2	213.1	210.9	207.1	208.4
Transportation	319.9	307.5	319.2	309.6	303.3	305.7	308.6	304.7	301.3	302.2	302.6	304.3	304.8	308.5	310.0
Medical care	403.1	433.5	422.3	425.8	428.0	429.7	432.0	434.8	437.5	439.7	442.3	444.6	446.8	449.6	452.4
Energy	426.5	370.3	406.9	381.3	381.8	387.6	380.6	366.5	358.6	360.6	348.6	341.7	342.4	352.2	359.2
Producer Price Index, U.S. (1967 = 100)															
All commodities	306.8	299.8	304.4	300.3	298.2	299.2	299.0	297.4	297.2	297.5	298.3	298.7	298.1	300.9	302.7
Industrial commodities	323.8	312.1	318.9	314.0	311.6	311.7	311.8	308.5	307.9	308.7	309.3	309.8	309.3	313.6	315.7
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. (1967 = $1.000)															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	.310	.305	.305	.307	.307	.306	.305	.305	.304	.303	.303	.302	.302	.300	.299
Wholesale prices	.324	.334	.329	.333	.335	.334	.334	.336	.336	.336	.335	.335	.335	.332	.330
Labor Force and Employment															
Civilian labor force (1,000 workers)	1,801.0	1,862.0	1,835.8	1,866.4	1,868.9	1,898.8	1,894.5	1,909.1	1,909.9	1,902.0	1,906.7	1,898.9	1,875.7	1,869.7	1,865.9
Unemployment	160.0	185.0	181.2	194.6	179.6	184.7	192.2	197.6	189.5	183.6	180.1	181.6	179.8	188.1	185.7
Unemployment rate	8.9	9.8	9.9	10.4	9.6	9.7	10.1	10.3	9.9	9.7	9.4	9.6	9.6	10.1	10.0
Employment	1,641.0	1,697.0	1,654.6	1,671.8	1,689.3	1,714.1	1,702.3	1,711.5	1,720.4	1,718.4	1,726.6	1,717.3	1,695.9	1,681.6	1,680.2
Nonagricultural	1,427.0	1,461.4	1,444.6	1,447.9	1,462.6	1,465.9	1,465.3	1,469.5	1,459.6	1,461.8	1,472.0	1,473.0	1,474.0	1,466.1	1,465.4
Manufacturing	356.2	357.5	357.1	353.3	356.7	360.0	362.7	356.2	355.0	357.4	358.5	356.2	356.0	354.6	354.6
Durable goods	175.5	173.2	173.4	174.4	175.1	175.9	175.7	175.2	170.1	170.2	172.0	171.7	170.9	170.2	169.9
Lumber and wood products	29.3	28.5	28.3	28.7	28.5	28.6	28.7	28.4	28.4	28.4	28.4	28.5	28.5	28.4	28.1
Stone, clay, glass products	9.2	9.5	9.3	9.4	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.5	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.6
Primary metals	26.6	24.7	25.2	25.5	25.7	26.3	25.6	25.3	23.8	23.4	23.4	23.2	23.1	22.8	22.9
Blast furn. and steel works	7.5	6.5	6.9	6.9	7.1	7.2	7.5	7.3	5.9	5.6	5.7	5.5	4.9	4.7	4.8
Iron and steel foundries	10.5	10.4	10.4	10.3	10.4	10.4	10.5	10.2	10.4	10.5	10.4	10.3	10.4	10.3	10.3
Fabricated metals	23.0	22.9	22.4	22.6	22.8	22.8	22.8	23.0	22.6	23.6	23.7	23.3	23.1	22.9	22.7
Machinery (excl. electrical)	19.8	20.2	20.1	20.2	20.3	20.3	20.4	20.4	20.5	20.3	20.1	20.0	20.1	20.4	20.5
Electrical, electronic equipment	22.8	22.2	22.5	22.5	22.4	22.5	22.6	22.3	21.6	21.6	21.6	21.9	22.0	22.0	21.7
Transportation	26.4	27.2	27.6	27.3	27.4	27.6	27.6	26.3	25.5	25.7	27.3	27.5	26.9	26.7	26.8
Other durable goods	18.5	18.0	18.0	18.2	18.3	18.1	18.3	17.8	18.0	17.6	18.0	17.9	17.8	17.5	17.6
Nondurable goods	182.7	184.3	183.7	178.9	183.6	184.1	187.0	183.0	184.9	187.2	186.5	184.5	185.1	184.4	184.7
Food	29.1	30.1	29.3	29.3	29.4	29.8	30.2	30.1	30.3	30.8	31.1	31.0	30.9	30.5	30.4
Textile mill products	36.4	37.5	37.1	36.7	37.3	37.2	37.8	37.5	38.0	37.7	37.9	37.8	38.0	38.1	38.3
Apparel	53.6	53.7	54.1	49.6	53.5	54.3	55.4	54.3	55.1	55.0	53.9	52.4	52.7	53.2	53.1
Paper and allied products	21.5	20.8	21.2	21.0	21.1	20.7	21.3	19.1	19.1	21.2	21.1	21.1	21.3	21.0	21.0
Printing and publishing	11.8	12.2	12.1	12.2	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.3	12.2	12.4	12.3	12.5
Chemicals and allied products	11.7	11.2	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.3	11.2	11.0	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.0	11.0	10.9	10.9
Rubber products	16.5	16.6	16.5	16.7	16.5	16.4	16.6	16.6	16.8	16.9	16.6	16.7	16.6	16.3	16.4
Other nondurable goods	2.1	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.1
Nonmanufacturing	1,069.0	1,103.9	1,087.5	1,094.6	1,103.9	1,105.9	1,102.6	1,111.3	1,104.6	1,104.4	1,113.5	1,116.8	1,118.0	1,111.5	1,110.8
Mining and quarrying	14.5	12.4	12.9	13.2	12.8	12.5	12.3	12.0	12.0	11.7	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9
Bituminous coal mining	10.6	8.4	8.3	8.6	8.6	8.3	8.3	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.2	8.5	8.5	8.5
Contract construction	71.4	75.4	71.6	74.1	75.4	75.2	75.4	77.7	77.9	76.8	76.7	76.3	75.3	75.1	74.1
Trans., comm., and utilities	72.7	71.5	71.4	71.5	71.5	71.4	71.2	72.2	72.1	71.5	71.7	71.0	71.3	70.6	70.7
Trade	305.6	320.4	310.1	312.3	315.7	317.9	319.3	322.6	323.8	324.7	326.6	329.1	331.6	324.7	321.1
Wholesale	76.0	76.9	76.4	76.7	76.4	76.7	76.8	77.7	77.4	77.4	77.7	77.2	76.4	76.1	76.3
Retail	229.6	243.5	233.7	235.6	239.3	241.2	242.5	244.9	246.4	247.3	248.9	251.9	255.2	248.6	244.8
Finance, insurance, real estate	65.8	69.0	67.4	67.7	68.5	68.5	69.3	69.9	69.9	69.7	69.7	69.8	70.0	70.3	70.2
Service and miscellaneous	243.1	258.2	253.2	255.2	256.7	258.5	259.3	259.7	259.0	261.3	261.0	261.1	261.5	261.1	263.1
Government	295.9	297.0	300.9	300.6	301.3	301.9	295.8	297.2	289.9	288.7	295.9	297.6	296.4	297.8	299.7
Federal	65.2	64.2	63.6	63.6	63.8	63.8	64.2	64.5	64.6	64.4	64.5	64.7	64.9	64.8	65.1
State and local	230.7	232.8	237.3	237.0	237.7	238.1	231.6	232.7	225.3	224.3	231.4	232.9	231.5	233.0	234.6

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	1985	1986	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
Labor Force and Employment															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	233,117	242,053	17,409	18,856	18,320	21,126	21,816	26,404	21,803	21,515	20,703	15,432	15,105	21,041	18,828
Nonagricultural placements	94,806	91,766	5,648	6,392	6,721	6,820	2,155	21,350	10,926	7,657	7,584	5,503	4,787	5,721	5,701
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	420,689	425,763	28,573	32,598	34,409	33,108	26,902	47,267	27,762	24,819	27,962	26,918	48,014	60,323	28,758
Payments *($1,000)*	172,910	186,826	15,497	15,660	15,851	15,026	13,394	16,966	14,178	13,789	14,936	13,061	18,326	20,424	16,269
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,257	15,694	15,130	15,330	15,350	15,760	15,760	16,030	15,870	15,970	16,220	16,160	15,800	15,870	15,960
	8.7	7.9	7.4	7.1	6.2	7.4	7.8	8.5	7.5	8.1	9.2	9.2	8.1	8.9	9.6
Baldwin	37,577	38,264	37,410	37,950	37,980	38,560	38,530	39,250	38,780	38,170	38,230	38,520	38,640	38,370	38,040
	7.7	8.9	9.0	9.2	8.8	8.7	8.7	9.5	8.0	8.3	8.2	8.8	10.0	10.1	9.5
Barbour	11,513	11,903	11,550	11,730	11,610	12,050	11,930	11,860	12,080	12,370	12,200	12,130	11,860	11,890	11,930
	10.5	9.5	8.7	10.1	9.7	10.5	10.0	9.2	9.6	10.6	9.3	9.0	8.4	9.0	10.4
Bibb	6,880	7,273	7,200	7,150	7,150	7,310	7,440	7,370	7,370	7,320	7,400	7,310	7,260	7,280	7,220
	12.4	13.3	14.5	12.6	14.5	13.4	13.0	11.5	11.6	11.4	11.5	14.0	16.0	16.8	14.7
Blount	17,227	16,682	16,320	17,300	16,490	16,790	16,760	16,740	16,760	16,740	16,730	16,830	16,780	16,840	16,680
	6.9	9.0	8.9	12.7	8.0	9.1	9.3	8.6	8.8	8.6	8.3	9.0	9.4	10.6	9.8
Bullock	3,678	3,971	3,750	3,740	3,880	4,120	4,050	4,080	4,030	4,060	4,180	4,080	3,950	3,840	3,770
	16.4	17.3	17.4	16.3	14.2	19.7	16.5	19.4	18.4	15.9	15.5	17.2	18.7	17.6	15.7
Butler	9,076	9,382	9,190	9,370	9,240	9,440	9,560	9,170	9,520	9,420	9,510	9,540	9,500	9,610	9,630
	12.3	11.7	11.0	10.9	12.2	11.6	15.1	11.6	11.7	11.6	11.3	11.4	11.0	11.8	14.0
Calhoun	49,963	51,892	51,220	51,500	51,500	51,940	51,910	52,560	52,370	52,420	52,410	52,260	51,890	51,850	51,600
	8.9	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.3	9.9	10.2	10.2	9.5	10.0	9.6	9.4	9.5	10.5	10.2
Chambers	16,933	17,241	17,190	17,230	17,070	17,340	17,200	17,840	17,540	17,260	17,140	17,110	17,040	17,020	17,000
	8.8	8.6	8.7	7.6	7.6	8.4	9.0	12.0	9.3	9.1	8.1	7.6	7.7	7.7	7.7
Cherokee	7,963	7,768	7,550	7,740	7,810	7,990	7,870	7,730	7,820	7,850	7,870	7,800	7,590	7,770	7,780
	14.7	13.5	14.4	23.7	14.7	13.3	13.6	12.6	11.0	10.2	10.9	11.5	12.0	12.0	12.0
Chilton	15,129	15,723	15,410	15,510	15,550	15,860	15,810	15,890	15,750	15,800	16,190	15,940	15,560	15,580	15,630
	10.3	10.6	10.8	10.1	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.5	9.3	10.0	11.4	12.7	13.0	13.9	12.2
Choctaw	6,541	7,481	7,430	8,050	7,580	7,490	7,660	7,730	7,550	7,180	7,390	7,350	7,070	6,980	6,860
	14.6	14.9	11.7	18.1	15.4	15.8	17.0	17.7	14.5	13.5	13.1	15.4	14.6	14.6	13.1
Clarke	11,044	11,363	11,110	11,170	11,220	11,320	11,410	11,430	11,480	11,360	11,590	11,570	11,570	11,590	11,520
	9.9	11.4	11.3	17.2	11.9	11.0	11.0	10.4	9.7	9.9	10.3	10.5	12.0	11.9	11.8
Clay	6,397	6,358	6,200	6,660	6,670	6,470	6,380	6,270	6,380	6,250	6,300	6,210	6,110	6,220	6,130
	11.1	15.0	10.5	21.3	24.9	25.7	12.0	11.5	11.8	12.9	12.3	9.7	8.5	11.2	10.9
Cleburne	5,766	5,719	5,570	5,510	5,730	5,780	5,700	5,750	5,890	5,930	5,800	5,640	5,680	5,630	5,490
	9.1	8.8	9.2	11.3	8.4	7.3	7.1	7.6	9.2	15.2	8.3	6.7	7.1	7.8	8.1
Coffee	17,034	17,625	17,090	17,350	17,440	17,850	17,590	17,510	18,070	18,040	18,250	17,910	17,260	17,000	16,950
	7.2	8.8	8.6	9.1	8.4	8.2	8.4	8.2	7.6	9.2	10.2	9.7	9.5	9.4	9.0
Colbert	24,545	24,628	24,170	24,370	24,770	24,960	24,660	25,020	25,020	24,860	24,730	24,540	24,500	24,360	24,340
	13.1	13.9	14.3	13.2	13.8	13.0	14.2	15.0	14.2	14.3	13.0	13.3	14.3	15.1	14.6
Conecuh	6,309	6,456	6,400	6,820	6,590	6,650	6,570	6,170	6,300	6,290	6,400	6,440	6,380	6,360	6,390
	10.8	16.0	14.1	18.8	15.5	15.2	15.7	12.7	15.3	15.4	17.3	17.9	19.5	20.9	23.1
Coosa	4,620	4,760	4,650	4,900	4,660	4,750	4,660	4,650	4,720	4,790	4,830	4,830	4,680	4,860	4,810
	7.5	8.0	7.8	7.3	8.9	9.4	10.3	8.7	8.1	7.4	7.5	7.1	6.3	7.3	8.7
Covington	17,128	17,224	16,870	16,950	16,940	17,420	17,170	17,260	17,240	17,490	17,620	17,710	17,310	17,340	17,270
	9.7	10.7	11.0	11.6	11.4	11.1	10.4	10.4	10.1	10.5	10.0	11.5	10.3	10.5	10.2
Crenshaw	6,104	6,187	5,920	6,180	5,950	6,330	6,140	6,120	6,280	6,430	6,480	6,370	6,180	6,080	6,210
	9.1	9.0	9.1	14.6	8.5	8.3	8.5	8.3	8.2	7.5	7.7	8.7	9.5	9.7	14.8
Cullman	30,433	31,390	30,370	30,920	30,960	31,720	31,660	31,680	31,730	32,030	32,490	31,900	31,160	30,830	30,890
	9.6	9.4	10.3	10.1	9.3	8.7	9.4	9.4	8.9	9.9	8.7	9.8	9.8	9.9	10.2
Dale	19,531	16,753	16,150	16,320	16,640	16,910	16,960	17,120	17,000	17,070	17,290	17,010	16,730	16,560	16,810
	7.4	10.1	10.3	10.6	10.7	10.4	11.2	11.0	10.1	10.1	9.5	8.9	8.7	9.2	10.1
Dallas	22,316	23,022	22,500	23,270	23,060	23,740	23,640	23,620	23,390	22,840	22,830	22,500	22,220	22,060	21,750
	15.0	15.9	15.5	15.5	15.0	15.5	17.0	15.8	15.4	15.2	15.6	16.4	16.8	16.0	14.7
DeKalb	27,461	28,748	27,430	28,190	28,170	29,180	29,170	29,540	29,810	29,510	29,400	29,060	28,390	28,360	28,450
	10.4	10.0	11.3	11.5	9.5	9.5	10.1	10.3	9.3	9.4	9.1	9.6	9.5	10.9	11.3
Elmore	20,784	21,013	20,380	20,710	20,870	21,340	21,160	21,320	21,290	21,180	21,310	21,420	21,090	21,070	20,900
	7.3	8.9	6.9	7.0	6.7	7.5	7.1	6.9	6.7	6.2	6.5	7.2	6.8	7.2	6.6
Escambia	16,738	17,061	16,820	17,250	17,130	17,330	17,100	17,210	17,330	17,110	17,040	16,930	16,750	16,770	16,590
	9.9	11.5	10.9	15.1	12.0	11.9	11.9	11.2	10.0	10.1	10.4	11.1	12.7	13.8	13.7
Etowah	42,225	43,954	43,530	44,690	43,980	44,960	44,050	44,800	44,390	43,840	43,700	43,750	43,350	43,270	42,930
	10.3	13.0	15.9	17.4	13.6	14.9	13.1	13.4	11.8	11.5	11.0	11.5	11.8	12.8	13.1
Fayette	8,229	8,028	8,110	8,140	8,110	8,110	7,840	7,850	8,030	8,070	8,060	8,030	7,910	7,840	7,840
	14.3	13.8	13.9	14.8	15.2	13.7	13.4	13.8	13.4	13.8	13.2	12.5	13.0	12.1	12.9
Franklin	15,046	15,310	15,320	15,340	15,250	15,200	15,310	15,930	15,740	15,120	15,210	15,180	14,880	15,340	15,190
	13.7	13.6	15.8	15.1	13.3	12.0	13.1	16.0	13.5	12.5	12.1	12.0	12.1	14.6	13.9
Geneva	10,714	11,047	10,540	10,770	10,870	11,310	11,290	11,400	11,340	11,400	11,590	11,040	10,650	10,460	10,370
	9.5	8.5	8.6	9.3	9.2	8.9	8.6	9.6	7.9	8.2	8.5	7.3	7.5	8.4	8.4
Greene	3,841	3,733	3,630	3,860	3,690	3,720	3,640	3,710	3,760	3,830	3,890	3,820	3,760	3,760	3,760
	17.6	15.9	16.6	19.1	15.2	14.5	15.9	15.8	15.4	15.1	15.4	15.6	17.1	17.3	17.0
Hale	5,891	5,986	5,630	5,780	5,790	6,100	5,990	6,010	6,170	6,230	6,290	6,230	6,060	6,070	6,050
	11.3	10.7	10.1	11.5	10.3	11.3	11.3	9.9	11.6	9.8	9.4	11.1	11.2	11.4	9.8
Henry	6,748	6,631	6,520	6,560	6,640	6,820	6,630	6,560	6,620	6,840	6,830	6,650	6,410	6,370	6,350
	10.6	9.7	12.0	11.6	11.2	9.1	9.7	10.0	8.7	9.1	7.7	7.8	7.9	8.2	7.7
Houston	33,716	39,734	38,380	38,610	39,550	39,960	39,760	40,540	40,160	40,320	40,890	40,530	40,050	39,400	39,520
	8.4	8.3	8.7	8.6	9.2	8.3	8.4	9.1	8.0	8.0	7.4	7.5	7.7	7.7	7.5
Jackson	20,483	20,968	20,850	21,010	20,720	21,030	21,240	20,980	21,000	21,050	21,150	21,370	20,710	20,730	20,720
	12.3	14.7	17.3	19.1	13.4	13.0	14.6	15.2	13.7	13.1	12.1	16.4	12.0	13.1	12.6
Jefferson	312,343	335,634	326,020	331,060	333,470	336,180	336,040	340,350	342,060	341,530	340,740	339,950	337,320	335,860	336,480
	6.9	7.7	6.9	6.9	7.2	7.3	7.7	8.3	8.8	8.6	8.2	8.1	8.0	8.5	8.7
Lamar	8,808	8,856	8,700	8,830	8,720	8,900	8,880	9,140	8,930	9,000	8,790	8,900	8,810	8,920	8,950
	8.0	8.9	7.5	8.3	8.2	8.5	8.6	11.4	9.5	10.5	9.1	8.6	8.7	8.9	9.3
Lauderdale	36,158	37,027	36,750	37,090	37,040	37,810	37,520	37,260	37,270	37,100	37,330	36,820	36,290	36,080	36,120
	10.9	11.6	13.0	11.9	11.0	11.3	12.9	11.9	11.0	11.2	11.0	10.7	10.6	11.5	11.1

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1986											1987	
	1985	1986	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT (cont.)															
Lawrence	12,636	12,632	12,590	12,750	12,440	12,670	12,580	12,650	13,040	12,720	12,910	12,620	12,150	12,040	12,070
	12.7	14.6	16.0	15.4	15.2	13.4	13.8	14.1	15.5	12.9	13.6	14.1	14.9	15.9	15.9
Lee	37,752	38,124	38,470	38,170	38,560	39,020	38,200	38,440	37,760	37,790	38,070	38,260	37,430	37,040	37,050
	7.0	7.7	9.1	7.6	7.2	7.2	8.1	9.5	7.5	7.9	7.2	6.7	6.5	7.1	6.9
Limestone	27,043	29,806	28,960	29,520	29,520	30,220	29,940	29,910	29,900	30,460	30,570	30,330	29,730	29,720	29,230
	7.1	8.9	9.9	9.9	8.8	8.7	9.1	9.3	11.1	7.5	8.0	7.9	8.0	8.5	8.2
Lowndes	4,636	4,525	4,390	4,530	4,400	4,560	4,400	4,420	4,590	4,670	4,720	4,750	4,580	4,350	4,390
	14.1	15.8	13.1	13.4	14.9	15.1	19.0	18.0	18.7	16.5	16.4	16.6	16.0	17.9	17.5
Macon	10,453	10,693	10,430	10,520	10,560	10,850	10,820	10,910	10,850	10,760	10,910	10,710	10,650	10,480	10,430
	8.5	9.0	9.1	8.8	8.5	9.5	10.0	9.8	9.1	8.1	9.2	8.4	8.5	7.7	6.8
Madison	117,762	126,253	121,460	123,690	124,240	126,420	128,530	128,590	128,380	128,380	128,630	128,660	127,930	126,610	126,190
	5.9	7.2	6.6	7.2	6.7	6.7	7.8	7.5	7.9	7.6	7.5	7.3	7.2	7.0	6.9
Marengo	9,934	10,045	9,300	10,540	10,360	10,430	9,940	10,110	10,070	10,070	10,140	10,020	9,970	9,800	9,730
	10.6	11.1	11.0	16.3	10.4	10.1	10.8	13.5	10.3	9.5	9.6	10.2	10.7	10.4	9.5
Marion	15,278	16,083	15,890	15,940	16,200	16,250	16,230	16,550	16,220	16,110	16,150	15,960	15,610	15,620	15,380
	13.8	14.3	14.1	13.9	13.5	12.3	12.8	16.4	14.5	14.9	14.1	15.2	15.3	16.9	15.7
Marshall	35,615	37,011	36,100	37,390	36,330	37,080	37,360	38,250	37,450	37,380	37,000	37,020	36,420	36,300	36,380
	8.7	11.8	10.9	17.5	11.0	11.1	12.1	14.0	10.9	10.5	10.3	11.1	10.4	10.7	10.8
Mobile	166,738	172,880	168,350	171,320	171,790	174,860	175,670	176,630	176,980	173,910	173,620	173,350	171,770	171,770	171,420
	9.4	11.1	10.8	11.3	11.1	11.3	11.7	11.3	11.2	11.2	10.8	10.6	10.7	11.5	11.5
Monroe	9,085	9,649	9,250	10,630	9,480	9,580	9,380	9,520	9,760	9,720	9,750	9,810	9,650	9,740	9,780
	13.5	13.3	12.6	29.0	14.2	12.0	11.3	10.5	9.8	9.2	10.2	12.6	15.1	14.3	14.5
Montgomery	91,901	97,695	94,400	95,710	96,860	99,120	98,730	99,450	99,110	99,020	99,750	99,480	97,830	97,510	97,280
	7.2	7.6	7.3	7.2	7.3	8.1	8.1	8.0	7.5	7.5	7.8	7.9	7.4	7.5	7.4
Morgan	43,368	45,825	44,520	45,050	45,400	46,200	46,640	46,770	47,190	46,010	46,260	45,920	45,670	45,390	45,360
	8.1	10.0	10.2	10.2	9.5	9.1	10.0	10.5	11.5	9.7	9.9	9.8	9.7	10.1	10.1
Perry	5,336	5,444	5,100	5,370	5,220	5,620	5,490	5,540	5,540	5,520	5,630	5,620	5,500	5,480	5,430
	13.2	12.9	9.8	11.7	10.1	12.4	12.4	12.5	12.9	10.9	10.4	15.4	20.3	19.0	12.5
Pickens	6,965	7,558	7,100	7,120	7,260	7,880	7,560	7,690	7,900	7,870	8,050	7,750	7,520	7,470	7,390
	15.2	14.7	14.9	14.8	14.7	14.2	14.3	14.7	15.5	13.6	15.0	15.1	15.5	15.6	15.0
Pike	11,773	12,612	12,230	12,420	12,580	12,830	12,640	12,490	12,650	12,980	13,190	13,030	12,210	12,630	12,650
	8.0	8.6	8.8	8.6	7.9	8.4	8.8	9.5	9.5	7.5	8.4	8.4	9.1	8.3	8.6
Randolph	8,865	9,424	9,090	9,270	9,440	9,620	9,420	9,330	9,750	9,450	9,520	9,600	9,430	9,440	9,410
	9.6	9.2	7.5	7.9	7.9	11.6	10.2	9.7	12.4	10.4	9.4	8.3	7.5	7.2	7.3
Russell	20,634	22,641	22,150	22,530	22,570	22,580	22,680	22,780	22,960	22,790	22,900	22,810	22,700	22,680	22,430
	10.5	9.6	10.1	10.2	9.4	9.0	9.1	9.4	9.1	8.8	9.9	9.4	9.2	9.7	8.9
St. Clair	20,691	20,610	20,300	20,510	20,380	20,710	20,890	21,200	20,700	20,710	20,700	20,620	20,610	20,440	20,380
	8.1	8.4	8.8	8.3	7.4	8.2	9.4	10.2	8.1	8.1	7.8	7.6	8.1	8.2	8.1
Shelby	34,261	37,153	36,520	36,580	36,830	37,260	37,310	37,510	37,310	37,320	38,170	37,440	37,340	37,010	37,010
	7.0	6.8	7.1	5.8	6.0	6.5	7.0	6.9	6.5	6.5	8.3	6.6	7.0	7.2	7.2
Sumter	6,147	6,243	6,070	6,320	6,270	6,450	6,440	6,460	6,410	6,230	6,260	6,160	5,800	5,830	5,810
	13.7	21.0	20.8	22.7	22.2	22.0	26.3	25.1	22.5	18.3	17.9	17.8	17.2	16.3	15.5
Talladega	31,537	32,143	31,210	31,580	31,840	32,310	32,310	32,810	32,950	32,660	32,590	32,350	32,170	32,110	32,160
	13.1	12.4	11.9	12.1	12.1	12.0	12.7	13.6	13.0	13.1	12.4	12.0	11.9	12.5	12.2
Tallapoosa	18,258	19,101	18,500	18,440	18,700	19,210	19,400	19,640	19,720	19,430	19,360	19,350	19,110	19,060	19,010
	8.2	8.0	8.5	7.7	6.9	7.9	8.8	9.3	8.2	7.7	7.5	6.9	6.5	7.5	7.1
Tuscaloosa	64,346	68,450	67,150	67,780	68,060	68,760	67,120	67,710	69,420	70,000	70,000	69,930	69,250	69,180	69,180
	6.8	7.7	7.6	7.6	7.3	8.2	8.6	8.2	8.1	7.6	7.1	7.3	7.5	7.6	7.5
Walker	33,097	30,633	31,140	31,250	31,320	31,320	31,570	31,700	30,110	29,750	29,350	29,730	29,760	30,000	29,860
	9.9	15.2	18.3	17.3	17.1	16.6	17.8	17.4	13.1	12.0	10.6	11.9	12.5	14.1	13.7
Washington	5,855	5,594	5,420	5,720	5,540	5,660	5,770	5,770	5,530	5,570	5,580	5,570	5,530	5,490	5,430
	14.9	19.4	18.3	21.8	19.3	19.3	21.5	22.0	18.1	17.8	16.9	17.6	20.3	20.6	19.5
Wilcox	4,391	4,402	4,260	4,310	4,310	4,450	4,540	4,460	4,490	4,430	4,500	4,470	4,330	4,300	4,280
	16.4	16.8	16.4	17.3	17.5	17.5	19.4	18.8	17.1	15.7	15.3	15.9	14.7	14.8	14.4
Winston	10,488	10,288	10,270	10,440	10,590	10,380	10,260	10,320	10,350	10,220	10,130	10,230	9,990	10,080	9,910
	17.1	21.1	26.9	25.6	22.9	19.7	19.4	19.2	19.2	17.0	16.4	20.0	20.0	22.9	22.8
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value ($1,000)	774,985	707,055	70,563	62,021	54,570	62,809	52,912	58,464	62,420	57,283	65,322	60,114	42,325	.....	.....
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lbs.)	13,402	14,193	1,427	1,232	1,304	1,216	1,549	1,045	1,459	916	961	1,061	1,040	.....	.....
Exports															
Value ($1,000)	602,564	765,872	82,535	77,691	42,428	40,520	46,923	33,052	44,144	45,337	70,123	115,624	90,380	.....	.....
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lbs.)	22,799	22,134	2,214	1,620	2,171	1,452	1,632	1,725	1,399	1,807	1,541	1,851	2,134	.....	.....
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[7] (1,000 tons)	38,242	38,701	3,634	2,937	2,709	3,415	3,262	2,934	2,691	3,307	3,122	3,746	3,387	2,253	2,421
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes (1,000,000 kwh)	25,020	26,789	2,074	1,638	1,716	1,792	2,273	2,820	2,980	2,608	2,307	1,808	2,112	2,436	2,073
Gasoline sales[8] (1,000 gallons)	1,881,466	2,012,114	142,757	163,267	176,844	173,243	168,489	181,501	173,549	162,511	173,172	153,194	184,455	159,663	.....
New passenger car registrations[9] (number)	153,540	159,481	11,912	12,333	12,818	13,221	14,427	15,309	13,908	19,150	11,691	10,048	12,133	8,953	10,243

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding.

[1]Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[2]Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

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[4]End-of-month balance.

[5]Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

[6]Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[7]Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[8]Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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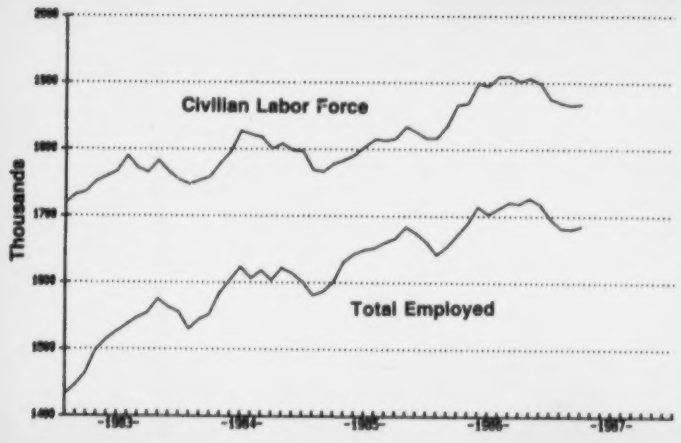

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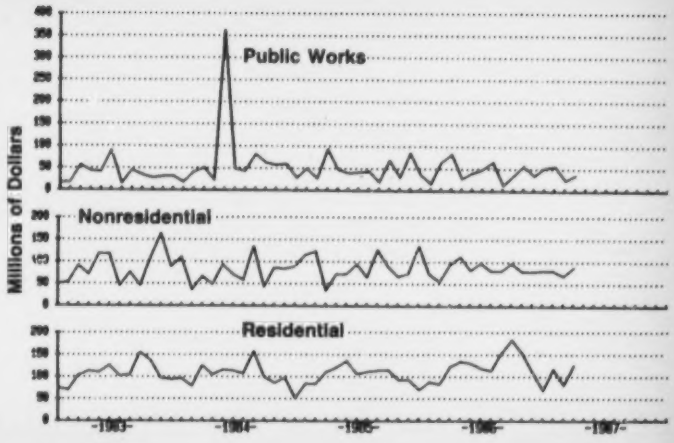

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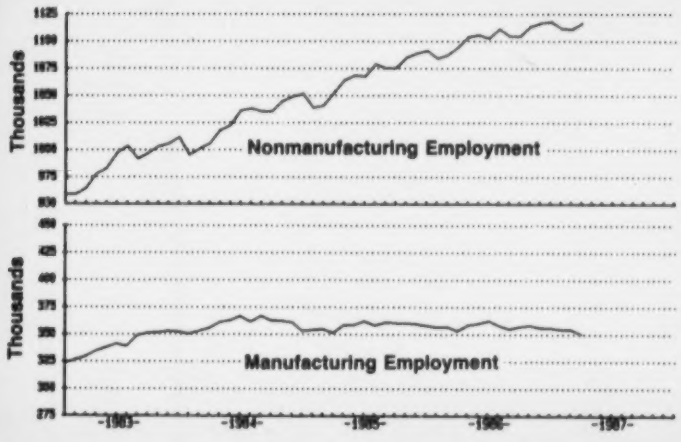

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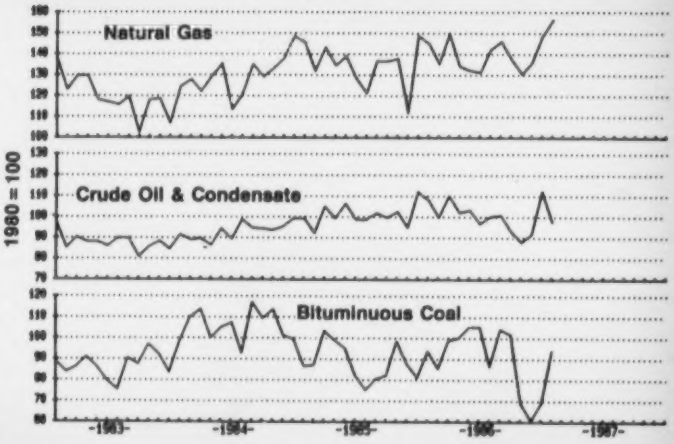

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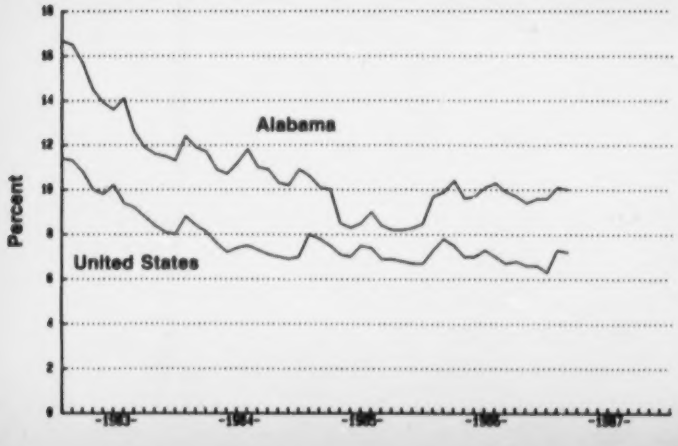

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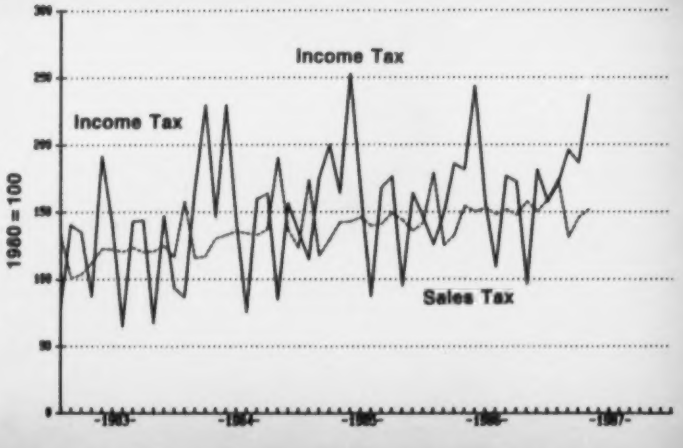

Retail Trade Announcement

The Center for Business and Economic Research has monitored retail trade activity in the State of Alabama on a continuous basis since 1939. Regular estimates of retail sales activity provide an excellent measure of the overall economic health of the Alabama economy. In addition, retail sales estimates by category or type of sale serve as excellent indicators of consumer spending patterns and retail growth within the State.

Without the help of the Alabama Department of Revenue, such estimates would not be possible. As a part of a continuing program to improve the series, the Revenue Department entered into a major project to re-evaluate the classification to which each retail firm is assigned. Further, a major survey was undertaken to better estimate the proportion of retail sales of major retailers taking place in individual counties throughout Alabama.

These efforts, along with recent changes in the mainframe computer at The University of Alabama, have necessitated an extensive revision and rewrite of the computer software used to manage the retail sales data. And while we have made considerable progress, we believe it is in the best interest of our users to suspend publication of the retail trade series while we test the new computer programs and rebenchmark the retail trade series from 1979 to the current period.

As many industries often state when they remodel old facilities, "please pardon our progress." We sincerely regret the inconvenience that this brief suspension will cause our readers. We are confident that the revised series will better serve users of Alabama Business. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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